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## Memory of mother sparks son's evangelistic idea

"My dear Cecil, Mama can't live to help train and teach you about our Savior."

Ruthie Prentice was just 24 years old on that crisp fall day in 1917. She had a lot on her mind.

She was worried about her brother, who had just been drafted into The Great War being waged in France.

In Russia, the Bolsheviks won the revolution and the dark night of atheism settled across the steppes.

All of this was far in the background for Ruthie. She was dying of tuberculosis and

something more important was on her mind.

She had a son, Cecil, who was three and a half years old. She realized she would never see him start school. Somebody else would kiss him good-bye and welcome him home on that first day.

All of this was important, but still she had something else on her mind.

She decided to write him a letter. It would be the words of a dying mother to her baby — written on the back of a final snapshot taken in Pascagoula.

"But I want you to be good, kind, and

unselfish. Help others to be happy. Repent when you are wrong and learn to love your Savior. Try to live as you think he would have you to live."

Ruthie's brother survived the war, but the smallpox he brought home eventually claimed his life.

"I suspect this hastened my mom's death," Cecil said.

In the midst of her grief, she continued writing to her beloved son.

"Read about Christ and his disciples in the New Testament, how Christ died for us. Be truthful and sympathetic. Be honest. Pray for the Lord to forgive you of all sins, accept him, and try always to please God..."

Cecil grew up and obeyed his mother. Today, he is a member of First Church, Ocean Springs.

For 78 years, the letter and picture have been a treasure and blessing for the family.

This past September, family friend Dianne Wynne went on an evangelistic mission trip to Ukraine, until recently a part of the old USSR empire.

Cecil and his family had Ruthie's letter translated into Russian, the dominant language in Ukraine. A total of 1,000 tracts with the photograph was distributed in Ukraine.

It would be a letter more than 70 years old, going to a place where the Word of God had been outlawed for over 70 years.

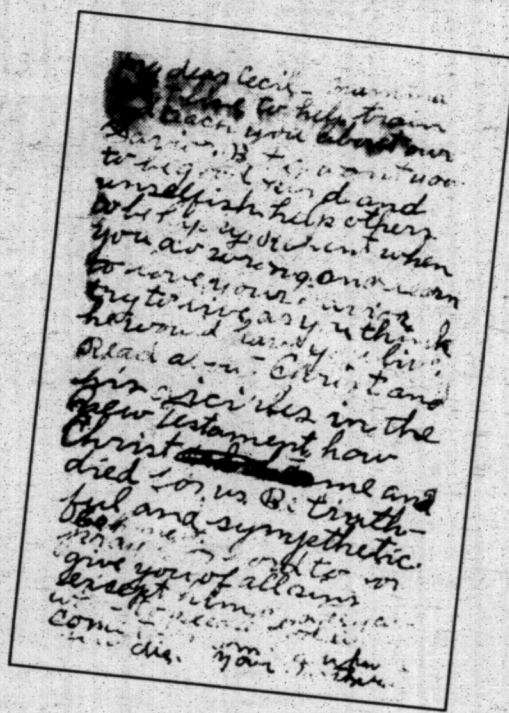
Who knows but that in 1917 some faithful mother saw the curtain of godlessness descending on her land and prayed that someday, some way, her baby and her baby's

babies would hear about the Savior. Maybe they've heard now, thanks to the witness of Cecil and the mother he hardly knew.

Ruthie was not concerned with Cecil's physical welfare, food, clothes, or education. She was concerned about his eternal welfare. She realized she would not see him grow up, but she knew they still had a glorious future together. The last lines of her letter are the most poignant:

"... And come to Mama when you die."

The Word of God speaks of people like Ruthie: "Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come" (Proverbs 31:26).



Handwritten letter from Ruthie Prentice to Cecil, dated 1917. The letter is written in cursive and is the letter from Ruthie Prentice to her son Cecil. It is written on the back of a final snapshot taken in Pascagoula.

RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF LETTER, BY  
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## FMB earmarks \$10 million for former Soviet bloc countries

RICHMOND (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB) Oct. 11 endorsed a bold plan to seize emerging opportunities for the gospel created by the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union.

To take advantage of these opportunities, trustees are asking Southern Baptists to participate in "White Harvest '96" by meeting an ambitious \$100 million goal for the 1995 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

During their Oct. 9-11 meeting in Richmond, trustees approved a \$202.6 million budget for 1996 that injects \$10 million into an intensive effort in the countries of the former Soviet bloc. Trustees earmarked \$90 million of the upcoming 1995 Lottie Moon offering goal for the board's basic budget and the additional \$10 million for White Harvest.

White Harvest money would follow a special infusion into the region this year of \$4.8 million

from the Cooperative Program, the Southern Baptist unified giving program.

Last year trustees pledged to use in the former Soviet bloc up to \$5 million of Cooperative Program receipts above 1995 budget needs. In early October, FMB officials learned a year of record giving by Southern Baptists would result in an extra \$4.8 million.

Seventy years of communist repression devastated Baptist work in countries dominated by the Soviet Union, said John Floyd, director of FMB work in Europe. The collapse of the Soviet Union reopened doors for the gospel.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to intensify Baptist work in these countries," Floyd said. "They've been stagnant for 70 years. Now they (Baptist unions) have the opportunity to do something, but they don't have the resources. Bad economies, devalued currency, high prices, and spiraling inflation are keeping them from capitalizing on the spiritual

hunger and responsiveness in these countries."

Floyd cited a recent volunteer medical missions trip into Russia that registered 828 decisions for Christ in two weeks. Team members said they could have won 300 or 400 more people if they'd had enough translators.

The \$4.8 million from the Cooperative Program and the \$10 million projected from the 1995 Lottie Moon offering will buy houses and automobiles for new FMB missionaries pouring into these countries. It will fund evangelism projects, new church starts, literature production, strategic land purchases, church construction and renovation, and theological education, Floyd said.

The annual Lottie Moon offering will provide 46%, a projected \$90 million, of the board's 1996 basic budget. To supply the \$10 million needed in the former Soviet bloc, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and FMB leaders have challenged Southern Baptists to

give \$100 million through the offering.

In 1994, Southern Baptists gave 99.9% of the \$86 million offering goal. They would need to give 16% more this year to reach the \$100 million goal.

"Southern Baptists asked us for a channel through which they could participate in the exciting things God is doing in Eastern Europe," said Don Kammerdiener, FMB executive vice president. "We sincerely hope this opens a door they can walk through."

Apart from the \$10 million for White Harvest '96, the \$192.6 million basic budget represents a 3.4% increase over 1995, said Carl Johnson, vice president for finance. Overseas work will receive 87.2% of the basic budget.

Missionary support accounts for 70% of the \$6.4 million increase in the budget, Johnson said. Record numbers of new missionaries, rising living costs, and a weak dollar have dramatically raised the cost of supporting the force of almost

4,200 workers in 131 countries.

"I hope and pray our state leadership will see how very strategic it is that we stay together with our focus on reaching our world and our nation," Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry said.

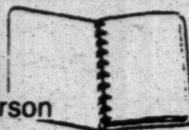
"There is no other group on the face of the earth that has the opportunity and the talent to make the impact on the world Southern Baptists can," he said. "God has given us this moment — unlike any moment in history — to touch people who've never been touched before. Let's not miss it."

FMB President Jerry Rankin said, "We are moving into the final years of Christian history. God is moving to fulfill his purpose of extending his kingdom to the ends of the earth. It's time for us to depart from our traditional way of doing missions and accelerate the action — reaping the harvest and taking the gospel to every nation and people group. It's time to take the necessary risks to join God on a winning team."



## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson



## Veteran editor's observations

John E. Roberts will have served for 30 years as of February 1996) as editor of South Carolina's **Baptist Courier**. He has sat through many meetings and is well acquainted with a large slice of SBC history. He has known most Baptist leaders of the past and present generation. Roberts knows how to access the news and weigh its value.

Without any "pet agenda" Roberts, nearing retirement at 69, recently shared some valid observations applicable not only to South Carolina but to all Baptists. He wrote, "We are a good people, but we are much too clumsy in carrying the Great Commission of Christ to our neighbors at home

and abroad. We stumble when we should walk and walk when we should run."

Roberts reminded us that "we quarrel among ourselves like the Pharisees whom Jesus rebuked."

Roberts also said we must drop the mega-church as our role model and the mega-church pastor as our hero. The faithful church is the one seeking to win the lost and reaching out to establish missions in the neighborhood. He maintained that we fumbled the ball in racial reconciliation in the 1960s and it's taken us 30 years to take a few timid steps.

Roberts sees the 1990s as the "decade of women." They are in the boardrooms, the courtrooms,

and in high political offices. But with few exceptions they are not pastors or deacons in Baptist churches.

Perhaps the most noteworthy observation of the venerable editor is the statement, "We are turning our backs on everything Baptist as we establish a Baptist priesthood. Baptists are a priesthood of believers, laity and clergy alike. But we are well down the road toward setting clergy over laity. This is a political power grab, but it sows the seed of our demise by giving us a class of Baptist priests."

These are the remarks of a veteran editor and Baptist watcher. Agree or disagree, we must note the importance of what he said.

## Guest Opinion...

## Halloween opens door for Satan

By John Landrum

"What about Halloween? Should I let my children celebrate the holiday?"

These questions are being asked by many Christians today. Just in case you don't know the real background on Halloween, let me give you a short summary based on my own library research and the book, **Live Free**, by Mississippian Tom C. McKenney.

Halloween is deeply rooted in Satanism and the occult. Though histories vary to some extent, all seem to agree on several points:

— Halloween can be traced all the way back to the Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in what is now the United Kingdom (Britain), Ireland, and northern France.

— Oct. 31 marked the Celtic new year and the end of the growing season. On this day, the god of

the Celts was supposed to have called up the spirits of the wicked dead who died during the past year. As the same time, other evil spirits arose and harassed people around the countryside.

— On Oct. 31, Celts expected to be harassed by ghosts, evil spirits, and demons. It was not a time for fun and games.

— The Celts had satanic priests called Druids who went from house to house demanding food. Those who refused were tormented by means of magic. It was a time of great fear for the general population.

— Those who practiced fortune-telling and divination found that this was the night they had the most success as they called upon Satan to bless their efforts.

— On this night, sacrifices were made to the gods, especially the gods of death and Sam hain (pronounced Sah-win). Sacrifices ranged from vegetables to animals to humans. Such practices continue today in many parts of the world (including the U.S.), especially

among Satanists. Halloween is their highest day of the year.

Today, we dress up our children as demons, witches, ghouls, monsters, and werewolves, and send them out into the streets in the darkness to reenact the Druid practice of demanding food from people under threat of tricks or curses if they don't comply.

Most of the costumes, traditions, and games popular at Halloween can be directly traced to satanic Druid practices.

So, should I let my children participate in Halloween activities? Here is my answer: Open the door to Satan an inch and he will take a mile. I don't want my children or grandchildren walking a mile with Satan!

You decide about yours.

(Editor's note: More information on the history of Halloween can be obtained by writing Landrum at 44 Fleetwood Drive, Gulfport, MS 39053. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Landrum is chaplain to the Mississippi Beach in Gulfport.



Landrum

## THE FRAGMENTS



## Responsible hearing

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear" applies to far more than just the followers of Paul Revere.

"You just don't listen to me!" — How many wives have said that to husbands who were concentrating on something else?

Men can hear okay, but you need to get their attention first. You need to wait until a station break, and preferably don't wait till the ninth inning.

Hearing pays rich dividends. An example, please:

Many applicants had seen the advertisement: "Morse Code: Needed Skill in Sending/Receiv-

ing." The office was filled with men (and noise) awaiting the interview.

One listened, then walked into the office. He came out soon and announced, "I've got the job, you can go now."

"How did you get it?"

"That noise on the speaker was code. It said, 'Come in, you have the job.'" He had been the only one listening.

How often is it that God speaks to us, but we are too busy to listen? He that hath ears, let him hear. Also, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

— GH

## Million Man March may undercut evangelism efforts, Baptists say

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — The Million Man March may have united African American men around positive issues, but it also could bolster the Nation of Islam in African American communities and hurt Christian evangelism efforts there, some Southern Baptist leaders said.

The Oct. 16 march, organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, drew an estimated 400,000 African American men to the nation's capital, according to the U.S. Parks Service's estimate.

Amid religious references and themes,

participants and speakers affirmed the event as a time of atonement and black unity. Some African American Christians supported the march, emphasizing the issues being addressed over the event's main personality.

But E.W. McCall, president of the African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he didn't support the march because the message was inseparable from Farrakhan. "I would never line up Christ under Allah," said McCall, a California pastor. "There are some things I will not sell out to for any social contribution."

"We have almost no common ground with the Nation of Islam," Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., the nation's largest African American Baptist denomination, was quoted as saying in the Atlanta **Journal-Constitution**. "The preaching of hate, we do not hold with that," said the St. Petersburg, Fla., pastor.

Willie McPherson, director of the Home Mission Board's black church extension division, lauded the goal to instill pride in young black men. "But Louis Farrakhan is the wrong person for Christians to rally

around," he said.

The march will likely increase the Nation of Islam's influence among young black men because Farrakhan addresses issues important to them, said McPherson, who is African American.

"There are a lot of people, possibly immature Christians, who don't see anything wrong with Farrakhan," he said. "I think it will make it more difficult for people who are wanting to develop people as true, serious followers of Jesus Christ to impact the African American community."

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# Student summer missionary program reports record year

The summer of 1995 was one of the best years in Mississippi's Baptist Student Union student summer mission work.

Jerry Merriman, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Student Work, reported a banner year in funds and volunteers.

All of the funds raised to support this program are new dollars generated for the mission enterprise

of winning the world to Christ. The 1996 proposed student summer mission budget is \$130,280.

According to Merriman and associate director Weaver McCracken, this past summer was the best in two respects:

1) More students served than in any other year through the program. McCracken said, "We continue to challenge students to serve through the full-term summer track

which provides the most help and is most cost-efficient for every mission dollar that is raised and spent.

"Many other states are taking the short-term path by sending the bulk or a very large number out short-term on 2-3 week projects through their summer program. In Mississippi, we have maintained that the only students who will be called 'summer missionaries' through our state program shall serve the full,

traditional 8-10 weeks."

2) McCracken continued, "More money was given through the program this year than ever

before. Our students have pledged almost \$114,000 this year to send out students to serve in the summer - of 1996. In 1994-95, students gave more than \$111,000. Since 1993, giving through this program has increased by approximately 20% as giving has grown from roughly \$93,000 to the level it is today, a projected \$113,896."

Some results from 1995 BSU summer missions are: 93 students served as missionaries, representing 19 campuses. They reported 911 conversions, 371 recommitments to faith, and 74 baptisms as a result of their efforts.

Sixteen students served in five foreign countries and 77 served in 25 states. For the second year, Mississippi BSU ranked second nationally in number of students serving and money raised for student missions, outranked only by Texas.

Jason Craig, Mississippi College student and summer missionary to Arizona, said, "Most days I was the hands of Christ handing hungry people both the Bread of Life and bread for life..."

"My experience... is something I cannot explain. God is working in Kenya in ways I've never seen or

imagined," wrote Ryan Richardson, Mississippi State University student.

"I wouldn't have missed this opportunity for anything in the world," wrote Tori Laffoon of the Mississippi University for Women, of her summer in Iowa.

"The most awesome summer of my life..." reported Lindsey Thompson of Delta State University, who served in California.

Paula Anglin of William Carey College, who served in Canada, said, "I wouldn't trade my experience this summer for anything..."

"To be humbled and broken in such a manner that God can rebuild you to meet his specifications, give up selfish desires, decide to serve as a summer missionary..." wrote Chris Jones of the University of Mississippi, about his summer in Minnesota.

Shannon Phillips, student at Blue Mountain College and summer missionary to Canada, said, "(The Lord)... took me out of my comfort zone and put me in situations where I had to trust him fully."

"Summer missions is the best thing I've ever done..." declared Ashlea Christy, Northeast Mississippi Community College, who served in Washington State.



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## Hospitality bags kick off state's Olympic campaign

By William H. Perkins Jr.

Mississippi Baptists have begun stuffing 15,000 hospitality bags as the first phase of their campaign to witness to the thousands of international visitors in Atlanta next summer during the Olympic Games.

Jan Cossitt, coordinator of Olympic activities for Mississippi Baptists and a consultant in the state's Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Department, said the bags will be filled with useful items and distributed from hospitality booths around Athens, Ga. during the 1996 Games.

Mississippi Baptists have adopted Athens, the site of several Olympic competitions, and will staff

the hospitality booths there during the weeks of July 14-20, July 21-27, and July 28-Aug. 3, 1996.

"The goal is to have every WMU member involved. We have the opportunity to share Jesus with people from 195 countries, just six hours from our doorstep," she said.

Cossitt suggested interested church members discuss the hospitality bag program with their church staff and then enlist church-wide support for a fellowship of "stuffing the bags."

Each bag should contain five items from the following list:

- band-aids.
- sunscreen.

- lip balm.
- peanuts.
- mints.
- tissue personal packs.
- moist towelettes.
- granola bars.

Cossitt pointed out that expiration dates on food items should be closely checked, since the food items must be good through August 1996.

Cossitt said churches that want to include a witnessing tract in their bags can order the specially-designed Olympic tract, Interactive Pocket Guide '96, from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), which is spearheading denomination-wide Olympic efforts.

The tract is a priced item and can be ordered by calling HMB toll-free at (800) 634-2462.

"You are not required to include a tract. On-site volunteers will distribute this guide or New Testaments if those items are not in the bags," she said.

Drawstring bags with special imprints are available now from WMU for ten cents per bag. Each church should set a bag goal and send one check for the complete bag order, payable to Mississippi WMU and designated "96 Hospitality Bags," Cossitt said.

Completed bags should be shipped to the WMU Department by Dec. 1, 1995. The shipping address is Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 515 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Volunteer applications are now being accepted for Baptists interested in staffing the hospitality booths, Cossitt said. Volunteers can plan their own accommodations, and a special no-frills breakfast/lodging package is also available.

For more information or to receive a volunteer application, contact Cossitt at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.

## Couple with state ties returns to foreign field

Billie Schultz and Elbert T. Deaderick Jr. were reappointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB) on Oct. 10. They were among 29 people appointed during a service at Bethany Place Church in Richmond.



Elbert and Billie Deaderick

The Deadericks will live in south Brazil, where he will start and develop churches and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries. They were previously missionaries to Brazil from 1976-87.

Since 1994 he has served as interim pastor of Spring Bank Church, Silas, Ala.

Born in Nashville, Elbert Deaderick is a native of Knoxville, Tenn. He earned the bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, and the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Billie S. Deaderick was born in Mobile, and is a native of Frankville, Ala. She also earned the bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College and attended Livingston (Ala.) University. Since 1989 she has been a teacher with the Washington County (Ala.) School System.

The Deadericks have one grown son.

They will return to the field in January.

IGLESIA BAPTISTA  
EMANUEL  
¡Qué alegría cuando me dicen:  
"¡VAMOS AL TEMPLO DEL SEÑOR!"!  
(SALMO 122:1)



## Coming to Mississippi

Hipolito Avila (left), president of the 20,000-member Venezuela Baptist Convention, and convention Executive Secretary Jacobo Garcia (right) will be special guests of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 1. The pair will sign documents during the convention's Oct. 31 evening session formalizing the three-year Mississippi/Venezuela Partnership, slated to begin in January 1996. Avila and Garcia were photographed in May of this year while hosting a conference of Mississippi and Venezuelan Baptists at Emanuel Baptist Church in Caracas. (Photo by Guy Henderson)





## MC Concert Singers go on fall tour

The Mississippi College (MC) Concert Singers will embark on a fall tour Nov. 1. The 60-voice group, under the direction of Richard Joiner, head of the MC Department of Music, will perform in eight locations throughout Mississippi and in Memphis. Their performance schedule is: Nov. 1, Hinds Community College, Raymond, 10 a.m. and First Church, Amory, 7 p.m.; Nov. 2, Tupelo High School, 10:30 a.m. and West

Heights Church, Pontotoc, 7 p.m.; Nov. 3, Northeast Community College, Booneville, 10:30 a.m. and Trinity Church, Memphis/Cordova, 7 p.m.; Nov. 5, North Oxford Church, Oxford, 11 a.m. and Broadmoor Church, Jackson, 6:30 p.m. The MC Concert Singers handbell choir will join the singers in their evening performances. For more information, call the school at (601) 925-3440.

## Indiana state paper sends special edition to Tx. readers

By Herb Hollinger

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — It's about Texas Baptists, has a Texas editor, and a Fort Worth address. But, it's the **Indiana Baptist** — Texas edition.

In what may be a first for a state Baptist paper, and possibly a sign of the times, the newsjournal of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has been mailed to 6,000 Baptists in Texas. The **Plumblin'**, a four-page publication of "Southern Baptists of

Texas," was wrapped around the Oct. 18 edition of the **Indiana Baptist** and mailed to a special Texas Baptist mailing list.

**Indiana Baptist** editor Gary Ledbetter said the Southern Baptists of Texas group paid the cost of the four-page wrap — \$1,000 — and then mailed it from Grand Prairie, Texas. Southern Baptists of Texas is a group of conservative Texas pastors and laypeople who are critical of a moderate

direction of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, especially in relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Toby Druin, editor-elect of the Texas **Baptist Standard**, weekly newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said he didn't think it was in the best interests of Indiana Baptists.

"The Indiana paper has lent its good offices to a partisan, political cause in another state in an unprecedented manner. While I don't question the editor's right to do it, I question whether this use of the paper, which is almost totally supported by Cooperative Program funds, is in the best interests of Indiana Baptists," Druin said.

Hollinger is Baptist Press editor.

## 8 church musicians' works published in BSSB periodicals

This quarter, Oct.-Dec., eight Mississippi Baptist church musicians have featured articles in Church Music periodicals of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

In **Pedalpoint**, a publication with church music and study helps for pianists and organists: Glenn Crosthwait, music associate/organist at First Church, Jackson, has an organ prelude, "Come Thou Fount;" Gayden Sikes, organist for First Church, Yazoo City, has a piano medley, "On Giving;" and Earline E. Carter, organist for First Church, Laurel, has an organ medley, "Tell Me About Jesus."

In **The Music Leader**, a publication for leaders of preschool and children's choirs, are two pieces: Sarah Talley, contract consultant for preschool and children's choirs for the MBCB and organist and children's choir coordinator at Oak Forest Church, Jackson, wrote an article, "Don't Forget the

Quiet Ones." And Charlotte McElroy, state approved music specialist for the Church Music Department and director of the Young Musicians choir at Calvary Church, Tupelo, wrote the **Music Makers** curriculum, "Sing Thanks to God."

In **Worship**, which has resources for the church musician, F. Tanner Riley, minister of music at First Church, Starkville, wrote an order of worship, "A Christmas Collage."

In **The Senior Musician**, which has resources for the church musician relating to senior adults, Jeanette Keyser, organist for First Church, Calhoun City, wrote an anthem, "A Special Love."

And in **Contemporary Praise**, which includes music and accompaniment for ensembles and youth choirs, Kenny Adams, minister of music at Mt. Zion Church, Independence, wrote a four-part vocal piece, "Don't Be Afraid."

## Mid-America alums plan meeting

The Mid-America Seminary Alumni Association will hold its annual luncheon beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Ramada Inn Coliseum in Jackson.

David Skinner, professor of theology at Mid-America Seminary, will be the featured speaker. His subjects are expected to include information about the seminary, God's vision for the seminary's future, and the school's relocation to a new facility.

Cost of the luncheon is \$7.50 per person (plus tax and tip). For more information, contact state alumni president Kevin Smith at (601) 237-6781, or (601) 237-9200.

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**GOLDEN GATE TRUSTEES REVIEW ENROLLMENT:** MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Reports on enrollment increases, new campuses and a variety of money matters occupied trustees of Golden Gate Seminary during their annual fall meeting Oct. 9-11. President William O. Crews told trustees overall enrollment has increased more than 27% since last year — from a total of 1,092 students in 1994 to 1,395 this fall. Fall enrollment at the seminary's residential campus in Mill Valley, Calif., rose to 619 this year, up 39.4% over the fall 1994 figure of 444 students, Crews reported.

**SILVER SPRINGS DEACON DIES:** Ernest James Bond, 89, of Oryka died Oct. 10 of heart failure in Brookhaven. He was a member of Silver Springs Church, Oryka, and a deacon for 52 years. He is survived by his wife Reta; daughter Glinda Blades; daughter Juanita Schilling, wife of Glen Schilling, former director of missions for Simpson Association; and son Donnie, recently appointed FMB missionary to Austria.

**SWBTS TRUSTEES URGE TEXANS NOT TO CUT CP SHARE:** FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Seminary's trustees, in their Oct. 16-18 meeting, approved a resolution affirming Texas Baptists' plans to plant 1,400 new churches but expressing regret over a proposed reduction in Cooperative Program funding for Southern Baptist churches in order to fulfill the state goal. Instead, trustees proposed Texas churches be challenged to designate an additional one-half percent of their budget for new church starts. The action was taken as the Baptist General Convention of Texas prepares for a Nov. 13-14 meeting in San Antonio that will include a vote on a BGCT executive board proposal to cut \$1.5 million in giving to SBC national and international ministries in order to fund 1,400 new Texas Baptist churches in the next five years.

**LONGTIME GULFSHORE GROUNDSKEEPER DIES:** Grady Blackwell, 80, died Oct. 10 in Wiggins. He was building and grounds supervisor at Mississippi Baptists' Gulfshore Assembly from the time of its purchase by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board until Hurricane Camille destroyed the facility in 1969.

**BP, WMU LAUNCH HOME PAGES ON INTERNET:** NASHVILLE (BP) — Baptist Press and Woman's Missionary Union are providing Southern Baptists' first "home page" offerings on the Internet's World Wide Web. The address for Baptist Press' home page, which began Oct. 2, is <http://www.goshen.net/BaptistPress> (with only B and P in Baptist Press used as capital letters). The address for WMU's home page, which was announced Oct. 16, is <http://www.wmu.com/wmu>. The home pages are in addition to Southern Baptists' primary computer service, SBCNet, coordinated by the Baptist Sunday School Board. SBCNet, operated over the CompuServe network, now has more than 6,000 Baptist users. It offers Baptist Press daily along with an array of resources from the BSSB, WMU, and other Baptist entities.

**TEXAS CLC KEEPS EXCEPTIONS IN ABORTION STATEMENT:** DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission has revised its position paper on abortion, affirming reverence for life but retaining exceptions for abortion in certain "extreme circumstances." The revised paper, "Abortion and the Christian Life," was approved by a 10-2 vote at the Oct. 12-13 meeting of the Texas CLC, the moral concerns and public policy agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. "Abortion as birth control is not compatible with the gospel's call to reverence life," the revised document states. But reverence for the life of the mother and the competing claims of one life over another must be considered, according to the paper. "Each case is unique, must be approached in prayer, in the context of the community of faith, and with reverence for every life involved."

**BAPTIST CHURCH DECLINES JESSE JAMES FUNERAL ROLE:** KEARNEY, Mo. (BP) — The church where Jesse James once was a member has pulled out of participating in the outlaw's Oct. 28 funeral and reburial. "Our reason wasn't that it was Jesse James," said pastor Ron Robinson of the unanimous vote by deacons of First Church, Kearney, Mo. "Our reason was that it didn't fall under the area of worship, in what was being planned." Robinson said he and James' relatives initially had agreed on a graveside prayer and Scripture reading so that his body, which was exhumed for DNA tests in July, could be reburied "in some dignified way." James' casket will lie in state at a Kearney funeral home. The service is now slated for the campus of William Jewell College in nearby Liberty, Mo. James' father Robert, a circuit-riding Baptist preacher, was among the college's founders in 1849.

## WMU cruise cancelled

The adult cruise scheduled on the Church Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) CARE calendar for December 27-31, 1995, has been cancelled. For more information, contact the Mississippi WMU Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 520, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.



# Media helps alcohol remain United States' drug of choice

FORT WORTH (BP) — A conservative estimate is 13 million Americans, about one in 10 of legal drinking age, are alcoholics.

"Alcohol is the nation's No. 1 drug," said Jack Johnson, president of the Radio and Television Commission.

"A startling fact is that only 10% of the drinking-age population consumes more than half of all alcoholic beverages sold," he said.

"If all of the more than 100 million drinkers of legal age consumed the official maximum 'moderate' amount of alcohol — .99 ounces per day, the equivalent of about two drinks — the industry would suffer a 40% decrease in the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits," Johnson pointed out.

These figures indicate if all alcoholics were to magically recover — just stop drinking — the alcohol industry's gross revenue would be cut in half, Johnson said.

"The alcohol industry, obviously, is going to do everything in its power to see that such magic does not happen," he said.

"The industry will continue pushing to keep its well-oiled mythology intact through advertising and media support. That mythology portrays alcohol as a special magic that can make one successful, sophisticated, and sexy.

"Without this magic potion, one's life is depicted as dull, mediocre, and ordinary," he said.

While Americans are daily overwhelmed by the pervasive message that alcohol is desirable and harmless, Johnson said many in society discover it to be more a horror story than a fairy tale.

"Alcohol advertising and alcohol

glorification by media tunes out the fact that alcohol-related problems are responsible for more than 100,000 deaths each year.

"Nearly half of all accidental deaths, suicides, and homicides are alcohol-related. Drinking is involved in approximately one-third of drowning, boating, and aviation deaths. And, dismissed with a shrug, is the carnage on America's highways caused by drunk drivers. Alcohol-related

Young people also are a lucrative market for alcohol producers, Johnson said, because youthful drinking is frequently characterized by binges and episodes of drunkenness, and young people are particularly vulnerable to ad campaigns presenting heavy drinking as fun and normal.

"Entertainment television perpetrates many of those same myths," Johnson said.

"More often than not, prime-time programs glamorize the drinking or serving of alcohol as a sophisticated or adult pursuit; show the use of alcohol gratuitously where another beverage might easily and fittingly be substituted; omit the consequences of alcoholism and alcohol misuse; deny characters a chance to refuse an alcoholic drink; show drinking as an activity that is so normal everyone must indulge; show excessive drinking without consequences, or with only pleasant consequences; show easy recoveries from alco-

holism, normally a difficult task; show children 'lusting after' alcohol and the time when they are adult enough to drink it; associate drinking alcohol with macho pursuits; and omit any criticism of alcoholic drinking."

Children often base their decision about whether and how to use alcoholic beverages on what they see and hear on television, Johnson said.

## Former pastor C.P. Douglas dies at age 75

Funeral services were held Oct. 13 at Zion Hill Church, Copiah Association, for retired minister Carey Paul Douglas, 75, of Wesson.

Douglas pastored churches in Vicksburg, Crenshaw, Lincoln Association, Summit, McComb, Wesson, Pelahatchie, Brandon, Monticello, and Memphis. He was also affiliated for 10 years with the E.J. Daniels evangelist team from Orlando, Fla.

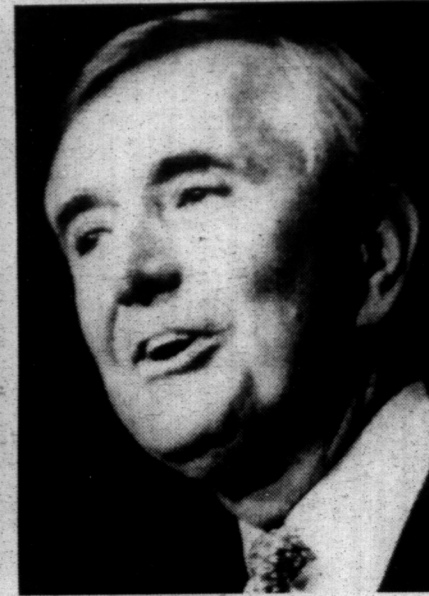
Douglas is survived by his wife, Honey, of Wesson; three sons; three daughters; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son.

## Correction

Due to an editing error on page 9 of the Oct. 12 issue, Zack T. Winningham's pastorate was incorrectly listed. The correct pastorate is Rock Hill Church, Mt. Olive. He will make his home in Mendenhall.

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## Brothers in Christ

E.V. Hill (left), pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, and Frank Pollard (right), pastor of First Church, Jackson, were among the speakers urging reconciliation within the body of Christ at the third annual Mission Mississippi Worship and Unity Night Oct. 19 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Almost 6,500 people heard Hill and Pollard share insights from their long-time interracial friendship in the service of Christ. Youth Night, held the previous evening in the coliseum, was also attended by about 6,500 people. For information on year-round events, contact the Mission Mississippi office at (601) 353-6477. (Photos by William H. Perkins Jr.)

## Acteens Queen's Court slated for November 10-11

Queen's Court for Acteens involved in StudiAct (queen level and above) will be held Nov. 10-11 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton.

The program, which will run from 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 through lunch on Saturday, Nov. 11, includes music, a special concert, fellowship, conferences, and participation in a mission project.

Cost is \$23 per person, which includes meals, lodging, crafts, and limited insurance. Each camper should bring sheets or sleeping bag, pillowcases, towels,

casual clothes, comfortable shoes, Bible, paper and pencil, and personal items.

Checks should be payable to Camp Garaywa and mailed directly to the camp at P.O. Box 1278, Clinton, MS 39060.

For more information, contact Jan Cossitt at Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.

## David Dockery book aims at consensus building

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — New Testament theologian David S. Dockery believes it's time for conservative Christians to move toward consensus on the subject of biblical authority.

That was his purpose, Dockery said, for writing **Christian Scripture: An Evangelical Perspective on Inspiration, Authority and Interpretation**, a book recently released by Broadman & Holman, publishing arm of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"It was written because Southern Baptists and the broader evangelical world need more than rhetoric (about the Bible)," said Dockery, a vice president and dean of Southern Seminary's school of theology, Louisville, Ky.

"We need a theology that articulates what we believe and we need to be able to understand the implications of our theology." He added the book defends "the inspiration and complete truthfulness of the Bible without in any way ignoring the historical particularities of Scripture."

Prominent evangelical scholars have indicated in their reviews of the book Dockery has met his aim of consensus building.

## Bivo ministers, wives invited to breakfast

Mississippi's bivocational ministers and their wives are invited to attend the annual Bivocational Ministers/Wives Breakfast at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Admiral Benbow Inn in Jackson.

The event is held each year in connection with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The breakfast will be provided compliments of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department (CAPM) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"No registration is necessary — just come and enjoy the good food and fellowship," said Matt Buckles, event coordinator and CAPM consultant.



The Ladies in Ministry committee of First Church, Biloxi, held a "Ladies in Ministry" fair to introduce the congregation's women to its new and existing ministry opportunities. Linda Watts (from left), committee chair, and Sandra Gunn, wife of pastor Frank Gunn, participated in the Sept. 23 event.



# Coppenger unveils his "dream team" to help lead Midwestern

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ABP) — Two staff members of the Christian Life Commission (CLC), the top communications official at the Home Mission Board (HMB), and the Baptist state paper editor from Indiana were introduced Oct. 16 as Mark Coppenger's new administrative "dream team" at Midwestern Seminary.

Coppenger, who assumed the Midwestern presidency in August, unveiled the team of four vice presidents he hopes will help establish the Kansas City, Mo., school as a bastion of Southern Baptist conservatism and missionary outreach in the upper Midwest.

The new officers are **Indiana Baptist** Executive Editor Gary Ledbetter, whom trustees elected early Monday as vice president for student development, and Martin King, currently director of the office of public relations and development at the Atlanta-based Southern Baptist HMB, named

vice president of institutional development for Midwestern.

Other officers elected in the two-day trustee meeting were Lamar Cooper, currently director of denominational relations for the CLC, as vice president for academic affairs, and Michael Whitehead, currently general counsel for the CLC, as vice president of business and finance.

Coppenger said the staff recommendations "are perfectly consistent with my commitment to prairie fire (fervent spirituality) and the inerrancy of the Word of God."

"I am amazed who God is calling here," Coppenger said, adding friends have described his new leadership team as "a power team" and "a dream team."

Ledbetter, 40, is a native of Arkansas and graduate of Criswell College and Southwestern Seminary.

King, 45, is a graduate of Indiana State University. He held public relations and marketing jobs at

several secular firms before going to the HMB.

Cooper, 53, has worked at the Nashville-based CLC since 1989. Previously he was dean of graduate studies at Criswell College and an associate pastor at First Church, Dallas.

Whitehead, 45, an attorney who lives in Kansas City, has worked with the CLC since 1990.

Coppenger came to Midwestern after serving five years as vice president for convention relations at the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville. He succeeded longtime President Milton Ferguson at Midwestern, who retired July 31.



Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Executive Director William W. Causey and his wife Charlotte (left) were among 36 state convention executives and their spouses who visited Woman's Missionary Union headquarters Sept. 16-17. The executives and their spouses participated in a dialogue session with WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien (right), WMU National President Carolyn Miller, and members of WMU's executive council. (WMU photo by Dan Bryan)

## Samford-Southern's Carver talks broke down over assets

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP) — Officials at Samford University thought they were negotiating to obtain the Carver School of Church Social Work and its legacy. But the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary now claims he never intended to transfer the entire Carver School — including its endowment — to the Alabama Baptist university.

The only thing under consideration was the seminary's master of social work degree program and related library holdings, Southern President Albert Mohler said in a recent interview with the **Alabama Baptist**.

What Mohler is attempting to do is "legal fiction," according to William Hull, provost at Samford and chief negotiator in the Samford-Southern Seminary conversations.

"You cannot separate the degree program from all of the rest that is now a part of the Carver

School of Church Social Work," Hull declared. "Such a division was unknown until Mohler."

But just days before that trustee meeting, negotiations between the seminary and Samford broke down. Neither side would say publicly what had created the snag.

According to information later provided by Mohler, Hull, and Samford President Thomas Corts, the sticking point was determining exactly what assets would transfer from Southern to Samford.

News that the entire Carver School was not for sale "came as a real surprise to us," Corts said.

Yet Mohler argues the only thing ever up for transfer was the degree program and materials connected to it, such as books, audiovisuals, computer programs, and a list of graduates with social work degrees.

"We have no interest in severing the legacy of the Carver School of Social Work from

Southern Seminary," Mohler said in the recent interview. "What we are after is the degree program being transferred to a different institutional context."

Yet the seminary's own Sept. 21 news release announcing the Samford deal said the negotiations were to "transfer the Carver School of Church Social Work to Samford University."

The seminary currently is negotiating with Campbellsville College, a small liberal arts school affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, to take over the social work degree program.

Corts called the episode with Southern Seminary "embarrassing" for the university. "We spent a lot of time and a lot of money for the project to end up like this," he explained.

For his part, Mohler said he had no animosity toward Samford. "It is a case of two institutions having different goals."

## Family violence: statistics uncover alarming rate of abuse in America

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — In researching his paper, "Comfort My People: The Church Responding to Family Violence," John Sisson of the Missouri Baptist Convention found:

— Family violence is the most under-reported crime in America. Nearly half of all spouse abuse cases (95% of which have women victims) are never reported to police.

— An estimated 4 million American women are battered every year by their husbands or boyfriends — an average of one every nine seconds.

— More than 12 million women (or nearly one-fourth of all American women) will be abused by a current or former partner at some point in their lives.

— Family violence is the leading cause of injury to American women, exceeding automobile

accidents, sexual assaults, and muggings combined.

— Forty-two percent of all female homicide victims (approximately 6,000 annually) are murdered by a male relative or boyfriend.

— Up to 35% of all women's emergency room injuries are due to family violence. Other studies determined battered women account for 25% of all women utilizing psychiatric services, and 25% of all female suicide attempts.

— The reports of family violence survivors suggest that 50% were battered on a weekly basis, another 25% on a monthly basis.

— Eighty percent of all family violence perpetrators have multiple targets in the home. Victims can include a spouse, a child, a pet, and an elderly parent.

— Children in homes where spouse battering occurs are abused

at a rate 1,500% higher than the national average in the general population.

— Over 2 million children are abused each year. Conservative estimates are that 2,000 of these cases will result in the death of a child. Deaths from abuse and neglect of children age 4 and younger outnumber those from falls, choking on food, suffocation, drownings, residential fires, or car accidents, according to a national study by the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.

— More than 2.9 million cases of child abuse were reported nationwide in 1993, a five-year high.

— Every 47 seconds, a child is abused or neglected, amounting to over 7,000 children daily.

— Most abusers of children are "ordinary" people who love their children.



### LifeAnswers

Ron Mumbower, Ph.D.  
Minister of Counseling  
First Church, Jackson

*I am a 21-year-old single woman. My boyfriend of four and a half years left me for a woman who had his child. I'd like to know how to get back together with him.*

You will probably not be seeing him again. He obviously found fulfillment in the other relationship, left you, and now there is a child. Your pain from this loss has to be great, so grieve the loss and begin thinking about what you learned from this relationship that can help you build a stronger relationship with a new partner in the future. Consider:

— What strengths does your new partner possess?

— What values and beliefs are you seeking in a partner?

— What common hobbies and interests do you want to share with a partner?

— Does your new partner have old relationships that have not ended?

— Is he capable of making commitments to you and then following through?

If you are determined to get your ex-boyfriend back, you can try writing or calling him to let him know that you want to understand what happened and see if anything can be done to bring the two of you back together. If he responds, you must realize that you will be sharing him with another woman and child for the rest of your life.

If he doesn't respond, don't continue. This is called appeasement and makes you much more vulnerable to further abuse and hurt.

*You were very wrong to advise the Christian lady to visit her husband's church of Islam (see LifeAnswers, Oct. 5, 1995). Although she says she is grounded "in the faith," she should not flirt with the Devil himself. Depending on her love for this man, she may easily be deceived. She should pray to God (Jesus Christ) — not Allah — about this, but by all means don't go!*

*I don't agree about attending Islam meetings. The same thing applies to that as going to casinos.*

I appreciate your comments and agree with your thoughts. Attending one meeting doesn't make her a Muslim, and I wasn't suggesting that she pray to Allah. My main concern was that she become informed about Islam, which can be done by reading books from the church library or by contacting the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The telephone number is (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651. Each person must pray about this and seek the Lord's leadership. We are to flee from Satan, but we also must not give Satan more power than our Savior.

Send your counseling questions to LifeAnswers c/o The Baptist Record, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Please be brief. Name is not required. Remember: in time of crisis, your pastor can make recommendations on your counseling needs.





# Letters to the editor



## Help bless a family

Editor:

Angel Tree is a project which allows volunteers and churches to give Christmas gifts to children of prison inmates. Angel Tree is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Christ with these children and their families. We need people willing to open their hearts and share this love. Volunteers and churches are needed to contact the guardians of these children to find out what they want for Christmas; we also need people willing to deliver these gifts to the children.

Listed below are two letters from inmates who thanked the volunteers of Angel Tree project in the 1995 summer issue of **Angel Tree News**:

"I know what it's like to not find gifts under the tree. Through Angel Tree, children are learning of God's gift as well as the love of an absent parent. Some day God's gift of love, Jesus Christ, will return. And through you, I pray our children are ready, because they not only received a gift to put under the tree, but also the Word of God put into their hearts."

— Christopher, Pennsylvania

"Thank you for the gifts you sent my children. They were so happy when they opened them. They were addressed from Daddy,

and they really thought they came from me. Thanks for making it possible for me to share in their joy at Christmas. I felt I was with them and their smiling faces. My prayers have been answered."

— Robert, Florida

If you are interested in knowing more about project Angel Tree (a ministry of Prison Fellowship), contact Celia Perkins, state coordinator, at Rt. 2, Afton 44, Corinth, MS 38834; or call in the afternoon at (601) 287-6728.

Celia Perkins  
Corinth

## More help with JW's

Editor:

I read with interest the article about Jay Hess and his ministry to Jehovah's Witnesses. I also read about the resources for witnessing to members of the Jehovah's Witnesses (JW). I want to suggest some other informational aids to help in witnessing to JW's. The Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board promotes and educates persons on how to be effective witnesses to members of other religious groups.

[Mississippian and former MBCB Missions Extension Department employee] Hollis Bryant acts as the State Interfaith Witness Coordinator. He works with Interfaith Witness Associates

from all over the state who have been trained to go to churches and associations and share about the beliefs and witnessing opportunities to other groups. Please pass this information on to your readers as a source for help as well.

We also have a Mission Service Corp volunteer who was formerly a Jehovah's Witness for many years. His name is George Kesterson. His phone number is (704) 647-0005.

Jimmy A. Furr  
Regional Director, IFW  
Home Mission Board

## The little giant

Editor:

John Ira Hill was short like Zachary, but he was a giant in terms of the influence he had upon all those around him. "He stood out in a crowd," said Joe Bayless a member of Mt. Zion Church in Franklin Association.

He was a past Mississippi Baptist Convention featured preacher and served on the Convention Board. In his churches he taught the people to tithe. He preached often from Malachi.

He was faithful to his association, state, and national conventions. Even when his wife passed away and he was deeply depressed, he kept on coming to church.

He preached in over 100 churches after he retired.

He had a quick wit and a ready sense of humor and treated all people within his sphere of influence as children whom he did all he could do to point them in the right direction.

His hip is not hurting now and I can imagine him skipping on the streets of gold and checking out the beautiful pearly gates. As my four-year-old son Allen says, "We'll see him when we get there."

Bill Kent Jr., pastor  
Providence Church  
Meadville

## Hollow victory?

Editor:

Praise the Lord for the end of the boycott of Kmart. Being one of the only two people (my husband was the other one) that I ever knew personally that boycotted Kmart for more than seven years, I must say that I was pleased to read of the letter from Floyd Hall, [CEO] of Kmart, stating that Kmart would "honor its tradition as a family-oriented store that shares many of the same values as American Family Association. As I hope you know, recently Kmart completed the total sale of all of our book subsidiaries and no longer has any affiliation with Waldenbooks or Borders."

(This was in the Oct. 12th issue of **The Baptist Record**.)

Whenever I visited my children in towns where they liked to shop at Kmart's they always knew that Momma and Frank did not shop there. This was not easy as we grew roses and Kmart sold the best fertilizer at a better price.

It seems to be a hollow victory, though, because the sale of porn has not stopped. It has just been transferred to someone else who bought Waldenbooks or Borders. I will continue to boycott porn by boycotting Waldenbooks and Borders. Anyone care to join me?

Carolyn E. Jones  
Greenwood

## Revival Results

**Longview, Starkville:** July 30-Aug. 4; two professions of faith; (five professions of faith at VBS, June 12-16); Thomas Wicker, Sallis, evangelist; Don Parish, Starkville, music; Donald Pouns, pastor.

**West Gulfport Church, (Gulf Coast):** first ever youth and children's revival; Scott Moore, Moulton, Ala., guest evangelist, with part of his youth group; conducted VBS at East Howard Church; average attendance, 35 each night; Grady J. Ross, pastor.

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## Just for the Record



**First Church, Holly Springs**, recently held an Acteen, GA, and RA recognition service. **RAs** (top photo, from left) who received badges, awards, and pins for their vests were: front row, Blake Work, Preston Boatwright; back row, leader Wayne Dodson, Evan Lemons, Shaw Moore, Will Forester, and leader Erik Wilkins. **GAs** (above, left) who completed Mission Adventures were Christina Teel, Level 1; and Lydia Moore, Level 4. **Acteens** (above, right) honored were Maria Teel (left), who was crowned queen; and Anna Teel, who was crowned queen with scepter.



**Evergreen Church, Wayne County**, founded in 1900, recently held ground breaking services for the construction of a new sanctuary and family life center. Tentative plans call for a floor plan of the sanctuary to be 46' x 80'. The family life center is set to be 40' x 84'. Members of the building and planning committee (from left) are: James E. (Pete) Cochran, chairman; Linda Fleming; Brett Golson, pastor; Nadine Davis; James Snellgrove; Vonnelle Davis; James Harrell, former pastor of Evergreen Church retired from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Lynn O. Mackey, director of missions, Wayne County.

**Mississippi College (MC)** will hold a Singing Celebration '95 at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 in Swor Auditorium on campus. The celebration will feature performances by The Naturals, Paid in Full, Priority, and Vision. Admission is \$2. For more information, call (601) 925-3243.

**MC has for the sixth** consecutive time been named one of 124 colleges on the 1995 Templeton Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges. The honor roll is compiled by officials of the John

encouragement of students to get involved in community and religious activities; promotion of "giving over getting"; and existence of a campus atmosphere fostering thanksgiving, giving, and forgiving.

**MC will host Pray for Rain** and Jars of Clay in concert on Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Swor Auditorium. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$9 in advance. For more information, call (601) 857-2765.

**Southeastern Seminary** in Wake Forest, N.C., has announced it is seeking recommendations for the following teaching positions: Church History, Church Growth and Evangelism, Theology, and Pastoral Leadership and Church Ministries. Recommendations should be sent to L. Russ Bush, Dean of faculty, P.O. Box 1889, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

**Terry Road Church, Jackson**, will observe high attendance day on Oct. 29. Johnny Presley, missionary to Brazil, will be the guest speaker. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. James Netherland will direct the music. Del Gann is pastor.

**William Carey College's (WCC)** annual homecoming will begin with registration at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Activities that day will include a student government association challenge game, a 5:30 p.m. student/alumni supper, a 6 p.m. art gallery reception, a 7:30 p.m. Marine Band concert, and a 10:30 p.m. pep rally. On Saturday, Nov. 11, there will be a 9:30 a.m. alumni reception, a Carey Choral concert, and an alumni baseball game. The day will end with Carey College vs. Athens State in a 7 p.m. basketball game. Tickets for the game are \$4. For more WCC homecoming information, call (601) 582-6107.

**The WCC Theater** will present "Under Milk Wood," a comedy-drama by Dylan Thomas, at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26-28 in the O.L. Quave Theater on the Hattiesburg campus. Seats are \$6. Directed by Obra Quave, the production will be WCC's entry in the Kennedy Center/American College Theater

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**Acteens of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton**, were recently recognized for their StudiAct accomplishments by receiving their crowns or scepters. They were attended by (from left, front row): David Baughman, Scott Adkins, Grant Ferguson, Jess Knight, Jonathan Simmons, Matthew Boyte, Tyler Thames, and Michael Williams. The Acteens honored were (from left, second row): Jennifer Miles, Elizabeth Durham, Katy Jones, Anna Weems, Jeanann Lovell, Brandie Baker, Rachel Taylor, and Jennifer Heartsill. Pastor Stan Fornea crowned the girls and issued their challenges.

Festival, to be held at Mississippi State University in November. For more information, call (601) 582-6221.

**Joe McKeever**, cartoonist and pastor of First Church, Kenner, La., has prepared 10 cartoons to accompany the Amos Winter Bible Study. He will mail a set to any study teacher who wishes to use them on transparencies or as illustrative teaching helps. Send \$2 for postage/handling to: Joe Mc-

Keever, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1357, Kenner, LA 70063.

**Wesson Church (Copiah Association)** will hold a Women on Mission brunch on Saturday, Nov. 4. The brunch will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Guest speaker, on the topic "Forbidden Fruit," will be Shirley Rutland of Brookhaven. There is no charge, and a nursery will be provided. Women who wish to attend should respond by Oct. 27 to the church at (601) 643-5722, or to Sharon Ashley, coordinator, at (601) 643-2338.

## Correction

In response to an article on women in Klintsy, Russia, (**Baptist Record**, Sept. 28 issue) Waldean McMichaels of Green's Creek Church, Petal, proposed sending money to help them build their church. She and fellow members of Miss Susie Lee's Sunday School class gave a total of \$150. **The Baptist Record** regrets the error of misrepresenting the offering's source in an Oct. 19 "Fragment" on page 2.

### Attention Senior Adult Choirs!

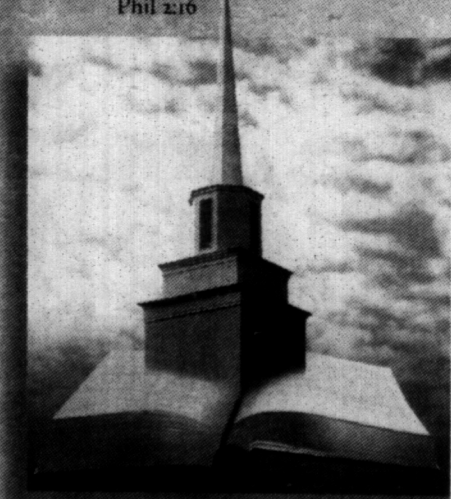
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# Revival Dates

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**Friendship, Aberdeen:** Nov. 1-3; 7 p.m.; Ron Herrod, Oak Ridge, Tenn., evangelist; David Tribble, Aberdeen, music; Todd Bowen, pastor.

**Furrs, Pontotoc:** Nov. 5-8; 7 nightly; Al Gaspar, Houston, evangelist; Gerald Waldrup, Pontotoc, music; Walter Simmons, pastor.

**Grace, Philadelphia:** Nov. 5-8; 7 nightly; Grady Crowell, Clarke Association director of missions, evangelist; Randy Cuchens, Newton, music; Dennis Duvall, pastor.

**Trace Ridge, Ridgeland:** Nov. 12-15; 7 nightly; Gene Henderson, Brandon, evangelist; Robbie

Mahaffey, Brandon, music; Ed McDaniel, pastor.

**Rawls Springs, Hattiesburg:** Nov. 5-8; 7 nightly; Joe Smith, Dillon, S.C., evangelist; Curtis Hatcher, Greenville, music; Rodney Crutchfield, pastor.

**Phillipston, Sidon:** Nov. 10-12; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; James Kelly, Lancaster, Ky., evangelist; Christine Sims, music; Lester Jeffers, pastor.

**Belle Fountain, Ocean Springs:** Nov. 5-8; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Ron Herrod, Oak Ridge, Tenn., evangelist; David Gipson, Oklahoma City, Okla., music; David R. Grayson, pastor.

# Homecomings

**Evansville, Coldwater:** Nov. 5; 10:30 a.m.; Charles Stubblefield, guest speaker; dinner in fellowship hall; special singing after lunch; Bernette Fielder, pastor.

**Oak Grove, Philadelphia:** Oct. 29; 10:30 a.m.; Guy Henderson, Clinton, guest speaker; lunch in fellowship hall; no night services; Keyla Seward, Jonathan and Chanda Stevens, guest singers; Tom and Jane Bentley, music; Paul Leber, pastor.

**Zion Hill, Alpine:** Oct. 29; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; John Stevens, former pastor,

guest speaker; covered dish dinner in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing, the Masters Quartet; Mark Harrison, pastor.

**Phillipston (Leflore):** Nov. 12; beginning 10 a.m.; James Kelly, Lancaster, Ky., guest speaker; dinner in the fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing, 1 p.m.; no night services; Lester Jeffers, pastor.

**Westside, Bruce:** Nov. 12; worship, 10:30 a.m.; R.A. Coulter, guest speaker; Tim Ruth, music; covered dish luncheon, noon; afternoon singing with The Father's Sons, 1:30.

**M. Glenn Smith** was recently honored for 60 years in the ministry by his home church, Bethsaida in Philadelphia. He was licensed by that congregation in 1935. He attended Clarke College, Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary, and Southwestern Seminary. Smith pastored several churches in Mississippi, most recently Rock Branch, and served as a director of missions in Florida. He was also director of missions in Perry, Neshoba, Leake, Jones, and Scott counties, and served New Choctaw Association under the Home Mission Board. Smith said that he does not intend to retire again. "I will continue to preach as long as God gives me health," he said. He and his wife Zudye will celebrate their 60th anniversary in March 1996. They live in Philadelphia.



Smith

**GAGNOA, Ivory Coast (BP) — Holly Larm,** 32-year-old Foreign Mission Board missionary, died Oct. 14 at her home in Gagnoa, Ivory Coast, during a bout with malaria. The Highland, Mich., native was appointed to work in the West African nation in 1992 with her husband Allen. The couple had just completed local language learning requirements. She was assigned to a church and

# Names in the News



**Kenneth Quinn** (left), Mississippi College art instructor, and local author **Jo Beecher Prather** (right) were recently honored by Mississippi's First Lady **Pat Fordice** for their collaborative work on the book, **Beauregard Eisenhower Calvinlee Davis**. Mrs. Fordice welcomed Quinn and Prather to the Governor's Mansion in Jackson, whose ornate furnishings and architecture are featured in the children's story.

home ministry. Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Amber, 9, and Luke, 7, and her parents, William Muncie of Highland, Mich., and Marsha Muncie of Novi, Mich.

**Fred M. Lawrence**, former pastor of Valley Hill Church in Greenwood, is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, and revivals. Contact him at: 8064 Sweethome Road, Holcomb, MS 38940; telephone (601) 226-2347.



Lawrence

**Miroslav Loncar**, William Carey College (WCC) guitar instructor and artist-in-residence, will present a solo concert on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. at University Church, Hattiesburg. The event is free. For more information call WCC at (601) 582-6192.

**Fanasy Prokop** of Albany, La., has been selected by Mississippi College (MC) as its 1995-96 Chevron Scholarship recipient. The Chevron company awards the \$750 scholarship to an outstanding freshman student at MC. Prokop, a pre-medicine major is the daughter



Prokop

of Christopher and Connie Shipp and Robert M. Prokop, and is a member of Woodland Park Church in Hammond, La.



**Eddie King**, pastor of Fayette Church, Fayette, and his wife **Edna** will be honored on Nov. 5 by the congregation on the occasion of his 50th year in the ministry. The day's activities will begin with a 9:45 a.m. Bible study, followed by worship services at 11, then a covered dish luncheon at noon. An afternoon singing will feature the King family. Anyone interested in contacting the Kings may do so at: P.O. Box 186, Fayette, MS 39069; telephone (601) 786-3350.



**Ed Newman** (second from left) and **Howard Newman** (second from right) were recently ordained as deacons by First Church, Kosciusko. They are shown with their wives at their ordination service.

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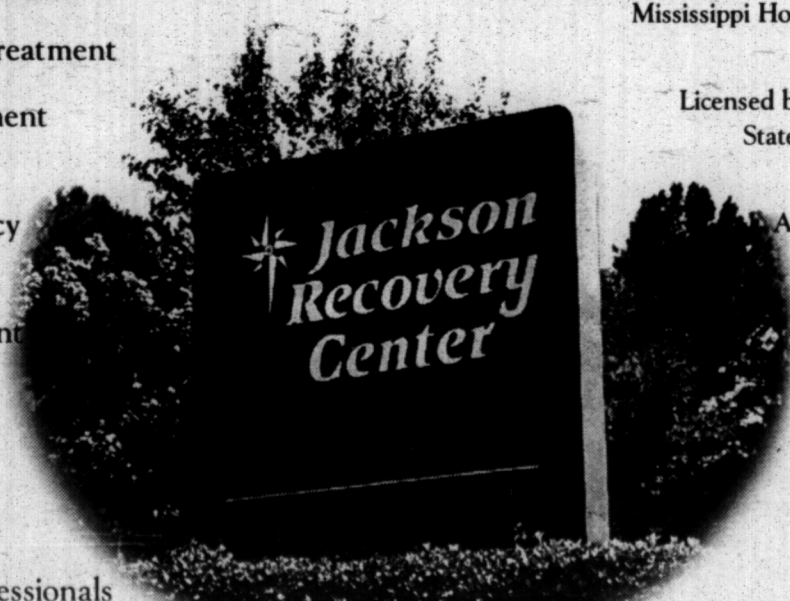
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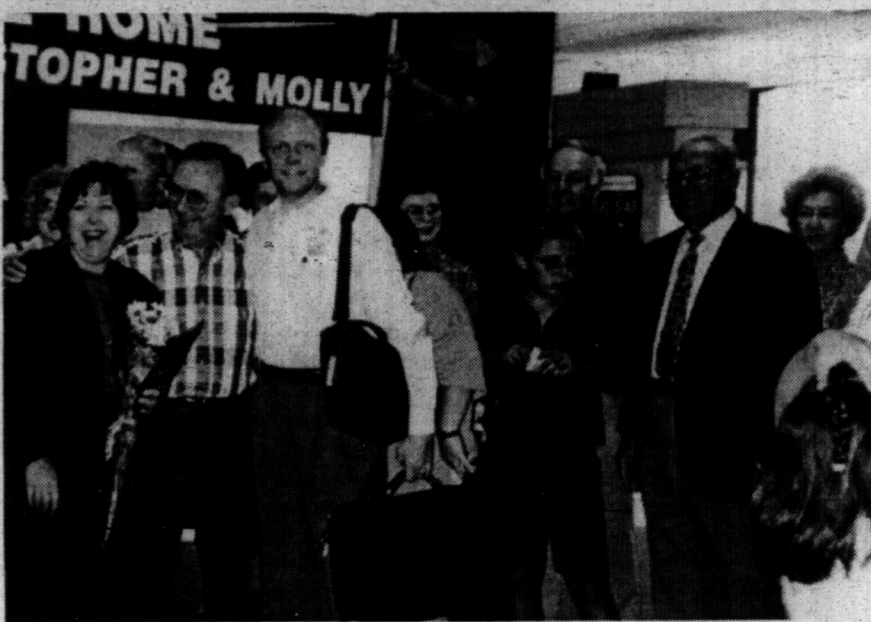


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## Staff Changes



More than 150 members of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, recently greeted their new pastor, David Sills (center), at the Jackson International Airport. Sills and his wife Mary (left, with flowers) are former missionaries to Ecuador. While on furlough in 1994, the Sills family lived in the Woodland Hills missionary home. When Sills returned to the States, the church promptly called him as pastor. He is a graduate of Belhaven College, Jackson, and New Orleans Seminary.

First Church, Lake, has called **LaVerne Summerlin** of Pelahatchie as pastor. The Meridian native previously served Concord Church in Pelahatchie, as well as several Scott County congregations. He received his education at Clarke College, Blue Mountain College, and New Orleans Seminary.



Summerlin

**Danny Berry** has joined the staff of Our Healing Place in Jackson, a private counseling center with a focus on treating addictive behaviors. Berry was previously employed with Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's Chemical Dependency Center as a counselor/chaplain. Berry also serves as pastor of Galilee Church, Puckett.

**Woolmarket Church**, Biloxi, has called **Paul Crowley** of Long Beach as pastor. The Paducah, Ky., native previously served Highland Church in Pass Christian. He earned the master of business administration degree from

the University of Southern Mississippi, and the master of divinity from New Orleans Seminary.

First Church, Magee, has called **Kevin Hand** as pastor. He previously pastored First Church, Greensburg, La.; Country-side Church, Tickfaw, La.; and was interim pastor at Cary Church, Cary. A native of Deenhams Springs, La., he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Gina Allen of Heidelberg.



Hand

Friendship Church, Aberdeen, has called **David Tribble** of Greenville as minister of music. He received his education at Delta State University and New Orleans Seminary.

Mount Gilead Church, Meridian, has called **James "Buddy" Petty** of Enterprise as pastor, and **Randy Futral** of Stonewall as minister of music. Petty previously served Fellowship Church, Enterprise.

charitable boards.

During her husband's 1988-92 term as vice-president, Quayle served on the board of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was involved in a number of national and international disaster/hazard reduction programs.

She was also the National Cancer Institute's national spokesperson for breast cancer awareness.

For more information, contact the MC Office of Media Relations at (601) 925-3239.

**Scott Mangum** has been called as minister of activities at **Glade Church, Laurel**. He and his family live in Ovett. Mike Thompson is pastor.

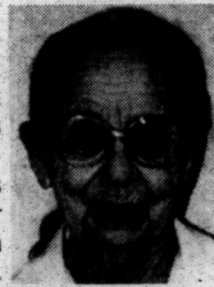
**Gregg Thomas** has been called as pastor of **Handsboro Church, Gulfport**. He is the former pastor of Leakesville First Church.

**Charles Gentry**, pastor for the past 17 years of **Wynndale Church, Terry**, has announced his retirement. At his retirement, he will conclude 45 years as a Southern Baptist pastor. Prior to going to Wynndale, he served Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. The Baldwin native received his education at Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Wynndale Church honored Gentry and his wife Mary Catherine with a special service on Oct. 22.



Gentry

**Marguerite Pounds** has retired after 10 years as director of the Mother's Day Out program at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson. She has been a member of the church for 20 years. Vicki Prather is the new direc-



Pounds

## Bread for World decries reduction in foreign aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — At a time when violent civil unrest is producing hunger for 100 million people worldwide, Congress is cutting foreign assistance programs which could help, Bread for the World charged in its annual hunger report.

In its recent report, Bread for the World said proposals passed by both the House of Representatives and Senate would reduce development funding and other aid which helps reduce poverty. The House approved a funding cut of 35% in the overall foreign aid appropriations bill, while the Senate's cut was 24%. A conference committee soon will determine the final figure.

"At a time when we really need to step up to the responsibility of a world power, we are slashing deeply the budget that could help

the most hurting in the world," said Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, at a Oct. 13 news conference. This cut-back "probably could not come at a worse time," he said.

In a statement released at the conference, Bread for the World President David Beckmann said, "In a world of Rwandas and Liberias, slashing and burning the best of foreign aid is clearly not the answer. By spending a fraction of what it costs to send troops into Somalia and Rwanda, we could help prevent hunger and conflict on the entire continent of Africa. A little forethought now can prevent mass grave-digging later."

Bread for the World, which was established in 1974 as a Christian response to hunger, lobbies Congress and the White House to seek changes in policies on hunger and poverty.

## Just for the Record

**Laurel Hill Church, Philadelphia**, will host The Spokesmen in concert on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call (601) 656-6438. Wayne Griffith is pastor.

**Mount Moriah Church, Bogue Chitto**, will hold an old fashioned day on Sunday, Oct. 29. The day's activities will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship services at 11, dinner in the fellowship hall at noon, then children's games and activities. A gospel singing will take place at 2 p.m. There will be no evening services. Danny Moss is pastor.

**Souenlovia Church** will host a Fall Fest on Oct. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. Activities will include games, snacks, and a weiner roast. Parker Chancellor is pastor.

**Navilla Church, McComb**, will hold a 90th anniversary celebration beginning on Saturday, Oct. 28, with a 6 p.m. worship and fellowship time. On Sunday, Oct. 29, the church's activities will begin at 9 a.m. Worship services will be held at 10. A covered dish luncheon will follow at noon. Following lunch, there will be a rededication service. For more information, call (601) 684-2835 or 684-4110. Howard Brister is pastor.

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## Marilyn T. Quayle to visit Mississippi College Nov. 6

Marilyn Tucker Quayle, wife of former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle, will be the featured speaker Nov. 6 at Mississippi College's Swor Auditorium in Nelson Hall on the Clinton campus. The public is invited to attend the program, which begins at 7:30 p.m..

Quayle currently practices law as a partner in an Indianapolis law firm, specializing in mergers/acquisitions, international law, and health care law. She is active on several corporate and



## Uniform Purposeful living



By Andy Brasher  
Acts 11, 12

As a Christian, do you have a purpose? Often, I have heard people, particularly Christians, say they have no purpose in life or one worth living for. To be honest, I find that very hard to believe and equally difficult to understand.

From a biblical perspective, Christians are the only ones who should have a real purpose! Some have asked, "What is my purpose?"

Simple! To be like Christ! We are called to walk in his footsteps, and propagate the gospel to lost souls everywhere. As disciples of Christ, this is our sole purpose! Sadly, it is the one we fail and neglect to do most often.

In this week's lesson, Barnabas did not forget or neglect his ultimate Christian purpose.

The death of Stephen brought a wide-range of persecution upon the Christian community from the Jewish leaders. The conversion of Saul had not diminished but accelerated the condemnation of Christians in Judea. Because of the increased harshness, many Christians fled to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch to escape.

Yet wherever they traveled, the gospel was preached. Obviously, the early Christians had a greater zeal than we do today in living and preaching their faith in the eye of a menacing storm. No matter of residence, the proclamation of the gospel was the centerpiece of their thoughts (11:19-21).

Also, several men from Cyprus and Cyrene were led to take the good news to the Greeks of Antioch. Luke reports that many believed and turned to the Lord (11:20-21).

The news of the Gentile conversions reached the pillars of the church in Jerusalem. As before, many converted Jews were hesitant to accept the uncircumcised Gentiles into their new spiritual family. The Jerusalem church wanted an eye-witness account of the events occurring in Antioch. Their observer was a man of unquestionable character and faith. He would analyze the situation and report on his findings. The man chosen was Barnabas (11:22).

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. In Acts 4:36, we are introduced to him. He was from a priestly family in Cyprus, possessed inherited wealth, sold it, and gave the profit to the church.

The meaning of his name alone sheds some light on his personality—"son of encouragement." To the early church, he was uniquely qualified. Luke reports that Barnabas saw the work of God's grace, and encouraged them to remain true to the faith (11:23-24).

Exactly why Barnabas traveled to Tarsus to look for Paul is never fully explained in the Scriptures. One can only speculate that Barnabas was either instructed by the Jerusalem church, directed by the Holy Spirit, or both. Nevertheless, from Luke's account, Barnabas sought Paul for the purpose of him overseeing the growing mission church in Antioch (11:25-26).

It was there at Antioch that the term "Christian" was first employed. The actual rendering of the term means a disciple or follower of the "Anointed One."

The early church, as I have mentioned, had its own form of welfare. Simply, the early church took care of its own. The church met the physical needs of those in trouble. We often forget and neglect our social responsibility to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The early church did not.

Agabus, in the Spirit, foretold of a great famine that would sweep the Roman Empire. The disciples in Antioch took action to aid those in the less fortunate regions of Judea. Paul and Barnabas transported their gifts back to Jerusalem with them (11:27-30).

In Jerusalem, John Mark enlisted in order to help minister to the church at Antioch (12:24-25). Without new enlistments, like John Mark, the church would fade like a dying ember.

The light that we have found in Christ must be passed on.

Brasher is pastor of Como Church, Como.

## Bible Book Doing what God wants



By Larry McDonald  
Nehemiah 1, 2

Chuck Swindoll, in his book **Improving Your Serve**, makes the value of obedience just as practical as possible, by playing "Let's Pretend."

"Let's pretend that you work for me. In fact, you are my executive assistant in a company that is rapidly growing. I'm the owner and I'm interested in expanding overseas. To pull this off, I make plans to travel abroad and stay there until the new branch office gets established. I make all the arrangements to take my family in the move to Europe for six to eight months, and I leave you in charge of the busy Stateside organization. I tell you that I will write regularly and give you direction and instructions.

"I leave and you stay. Months pass. A flow of letters are mailed from Europe and received by you at the national headquarters. I spell out all my expectations. Finally, I return. Soon after my arrival, I drive down to the office. I am stunned! Grass and weeds have grown up high. A few windows along the street are broken. I walk into the receptionist's room and she is doing her nails, chewing gum, and listening to her favorite disco station. I look around and notice the waste baskets are overflowing, the carpet hasn't been vacuumed for weeks, and nobody seems concerned that the owner has returned. I ask about your whereabouts and someone in the crowded lounge points down the hall and yells, 'I think he's down there.' Disturbed, I move in that direction and bump into you as you are finishing a chess game with our sales manager. I ask you to step into my office (which has been temporarily turned into a television room for watching afternoon soap operas).

"What in the world is going on, man?"

"What do ya' mean, Chuck?"

"Well, look at this place! Didn't you get any of my letters?"

"Letters? Oh, yeah — sure, got every one of them. As a matter of fact, Chuck, we have had letter study every Friday night since you left. We have even divided all the personnel into small groups and discussed many of the things you wrote. Some of those things were really interesting. You'll be pleased to know that a few of us have actually committed to memory some of your sentences and paragraphs. One or two memorized an entire letter or two! Great stuff in those letters!"

"Okay, okay — you got my letters, you studied them and meditated on them, discussed them and even memorized them. But what did you do about them?"

"Do? Uh, we didn't do anything about them."

In our churches today we have a lot of people who act like this executive assistant. They hear the Word of God but do not obey it.

Nehemiah gives us the opposite and correct example as a person who does what God wants done. Nehemiah was still in exile. He had heard about the disgraceful condition of Jerusalem and he felt concern (1:3-4). This concern moved him to weep, mourn, fast, and pray. Nehemiah had a soft heart toward God and God's people. He felt deeply the plight of the Jewish people.

Nehemiah did not stop with just feeling sad about their condition. He decided to do something about it. As cup bearer to the king, when the opportunity arose, he petitioned King Artaxerxes to allow him to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild it (2:4-6). The king granted his request as the King of kings answered Nehemiah's prayers (1:5-11).

Nehemiah traveled to Jerusalem to assess the needs (2:11-13, 16). After resting from the trip, he went out at night to examine the condition of the various areas of Jerusalem. At this time he was gathering information so he could address others concerning the work before them.

From this assessment, Nehemiah delivered a message to the people about the disgraceful condition of the wall in Jerusalem (2:17-18). He challenged them to rebuild the wall.

The people were at a critical point. Would they only be hearers of the Word, and not doers? Their reply was, "Let us start rebuilding!"

In our churches, too many people sit and never experience the joy of being a productive and fruitful citizen of God's kingdom.

McDonald is pastor of Castlewoods Church, Brandon.

## Life and Work Telling about Jesus



By Bob Rogers  
Mark 5, Matthew 28, 3 John

Agree or disagree? Every Christian should be a missionary. This week's lesson leaves little doubt as to the answer.

**Go home (Mark 5:18-20).** Every Christian is to be a home missionary. Take the example of the man of Gerasa who had a "Legion" of demons cast out of him and into a herd of pigs (Mark 5:1-17).

Gerasa was a Gentile territory, across the Jordan river from Galilee. One sign of its "foreign-ness" is the presence of pigs, which would have been detestable to Jews. Gerasa (Gadara in some manuscripts) was one of the "Decapolis," which is Greek for "10 cities." After Alexander the Great's conquest, Greek veteran soldiers established the cities as strongholds of Greek culture in Palestine. When the Jews fought for their independence, the Decapolis supported the Greek rulers.

Jesus knew that the best missionary to the Decapolis was not one of his disciples, who were all Jews, but this Gerasene convert. So even though he wanted to go with Jesus, Jesus told him, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you" (v. 19).

Missions begin at home. Look around you. Witness to a family member or neighbor; volunteer for your church's outreach visitation ministry; support the mission work of your association. Call the Mississippi Baptist Convention at (800) 748-1651 or the Home Mission Board at (800) 462-8657 and ask what kind of mission work you can do. Give to the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering. Missions begin at home, but they don't stop there.

**Go to all nations (Matt. 28:16-20).** After his resurrection and just before he ascended to heaven, Jesus gathered his disciples and gave them the "Great Commission." It has three parts:

1. His power (v. 18) — all authority is given to Jesus, and he gives it to us. Nobody knows this fact better than the Woman's Missionary Union, which leads the way in getting Southern Baptists to tap into God's power by praying regularly for missionaries.

2. His program (vv. 19-20a) — The Greek phrase translated "go" is a participle that can be translated "as you go." The emphasis of the sentence then, is not in the going, but in the making of the disciples as we go wherever we go.

Evangelism is to be carried out in "all nations." Through the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptists support about 4,000 missionaries in some 130 nations. You can volunteer to help by calling the FMB at (800) 888-8657. Be sure to give generously this Christmas to the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

3. His presence (v. 20b) — he will be with us always. This he does through the Holy Spirit (John 16:5-11).

The next scripture gives us guidance in how to bring all this missionary task together.

**Go together (3 John 5-8).** The third letter of John was written to Gaius to encourage support for traveling missionaries. In that day when there were few inns, they depended on the hospitality of Christians.

John gave three reasons to support missionaries: Christian love (v. 6), their work is for the name of Jesus (v. 7a), and they receive no help from pagans (v. 7b).

John also gave three ways to help missionaries: send them on their way (v. 6), show them hospitality (v. 8a), and work together for their support (v. 8b).

Recently the car of a Filipino Baptist preacher broke down on Interstate 59 near Poplarville, and somebody dropped him off at our church. He was affiliated with another Baptist group, and Mark, our associate pastor, along with a Missionary Baptist preacher, helped him.

The Filipino said that he had to spend four months in this country visiting churches and raising financial support before returning to do his mission work. Mark and I thanked God that because of the Cooperative Program, our Southern Baptist missionaries don't have to come home to drum up support.

The Cooperative Program is a God-given plan whereby our churches can pool their resources and "work together" to do great things for God that we cannot do alone. Does your church give at least a tithe to the Cooperative Program? Can you do more?

Rogers is pastor of First Church, Poplarville.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE



First Church, Madison, recorded 927 children and youths enrolled in its July Vacation Bible School. Terry Martinaz is minister of education. John A. Temple is pastor.



Dear Pen Pal Club,

My name is Jay Chandler. I am 8 years old. I am in second grade and in the gifted [program]. I don't care if you are boy or girl. I enjoy jumping rope, piano, and vacations. If you would like to write to me, my address is below.  
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Dear Pen Pal Club,

Hi! My name is Anna Polson. I am 9 years old and I'm in third grade. I attend New Zion Church. I have one brother and three sisters. We have one dog and one rabbit. I really like church. I would prefer a girl. I like GAs. If you would like

to be my pen pal, please write me.  
c/o New Zion Baptist Church  
Star Rt. Box 48  
Braxton, MS 39044

Dear Pen Pal Club,

Hello! We are a group of first and second grade RAs at First Church, Meridian. Our names are: Jason, John L., Daniel, Clark, Timothy, and John. We are learning about foreign missions and how missionaries tell others about Jesus. We really like playing "Steal the Bacon" at the end of RAs. Please write to us.

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This week's clue: N equals H.

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Nahum One: Seven.



## THE EYES HAVE IT! (MUSIC VOCABULARY WORD SEARCH)

Find 30 musical words in the puzzle below.  
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R	Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	N	I
E	O	I	R	T	I	J	U	I	S
S	A	C	C	E	N	T	B	C	S
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O	D	U	E	T	F	W	T	R	N
B	A	S	S	G	I	L	O	E	D
B	A	R	C	O	A	E	A	S	O
E	A	Y	E	K	L	T	M	T	R
A	D	N	N	O	L	O	O	U	K
T	O	V	D	X	U	A	L	T	O
W	C	H	O	R	U	S	C	O	P

POCO, PRESTO, QUARTER, REST, RITARD, RUBATO, SLUR, SOLO, TIE, TONIC,  
DO, DUET, FINE, FLAT, FORTE, GLISSANDO, KEY, LEGATO, LOCO, PIANO,  
ACCENT, ALTO, BAND, BAR, BASS, BEAT, CHORUS, CLEF, CODA, CRESCEN-

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The children's choir of Evansville Church, Coldwater, presented "The Backyard Bunch" on July 30 and Sept. 16. The performance was directed by James Hugh Powell, music director of the church.

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